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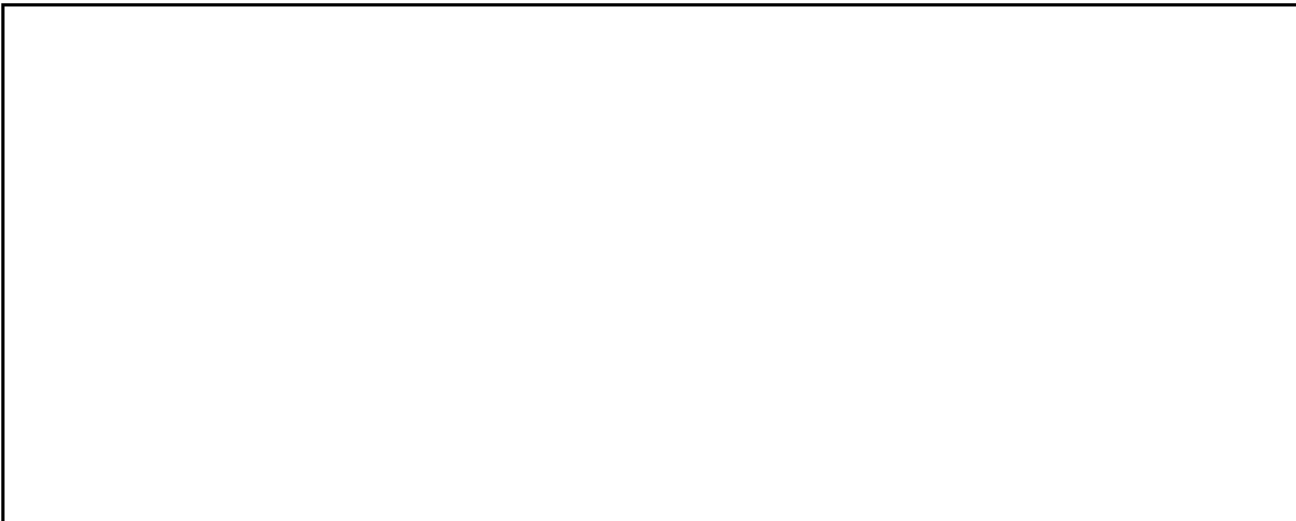
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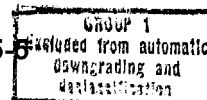


 Mr. George Carver, SAVA, and I briefed the 25X1A
Intelligence Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee on current
developments and the Indochina situation. Present were Chairman Nedzi
and Representatives Price and O'Konski and Chief Counsel Slatinshek. I
covered the Soviet space project, delivery of Flogger and Soviet equipment
to Egypt, certain ChiCom security measures, and the status of the ChiCom
CSS-1.

During Carver's briefing on Indochina Nedzi expressed particular 25X1
interest in Agency operations in Laos and in the dope traffic in Southeast Asia.



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9. [redacted] Messrs. Maury and [redacted] met briefly with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and brought him up-to-date on our efforts to obtain support for an amendment to the Foreign Assistance Authorization bill (S. 3390) striking section 515. Woodruff agreed with our proposal to speak informally with Senator Sparkman about this section and also agreed it would be desirable to obtain as many cosponsors of the amendment as possible and strongly recommended that we try to get Senator Stennis to agree to have his name listed as one of these cosponsors.

We mentioned the Ronk article in this morning's Washington Post about commando raids into North Vietnam and brought him up-to-date on the facts. Woodruff recalled having been briefed on this some time ago.

Picked up from Woodruff copies of the Secretary of Defense's Annual Defense Department Report for FY 73 and Admiral Moorer's Military Posture Statement for FY 73.

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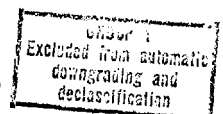


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[redacted] Messrs. Maury and [redacted] met with Ed Braswell, and Jim Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and talked with them about getting a floor manager for an amendment to strike section 515 of the Foreign Assistance Authorization bill (S. 3390) now pending on the Senate floor. This section would preclude the use of U.S. funds for financing military operations by third country nationals in Laos, North Vietnam, and Thailand. The staffers indicated Senator Stennis was too overloaded to take this on and suggested we look elsewhere for help on this.

We subsequently talked with Senator Peter Dominick (R., Colo.) who, although also overly committed in handling legislation on the floor, agreed to introduce an amendment to strike section 515 on the condition we would get Senators Cannon and Byrd (of Virginia) to work with him in handling this on the floor. Messrs. Charles Kendrick and Jim Robb, of the Senator's staff, will be handling this for him and we agreed to provide them with a package of material on the legislation tomorrow morning.

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25X1 5. [] Met with Mr. Ed Braswell, Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, and gave him notes for the Chairman's use for possible floor argument on the effects of Section 515 of the Foreign Assistance bill (S. 3390) as proposed by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. After scanning through the notes Braswell said he had thought that we would be providing the numbers of forces involved on an unclassified basis so that the Chairman could make a complete presentation. After talking with Messrs. 25X1A Maury and [] I told Mr. Braswell that the detailed figures on the forces in Laos are still considered classified to which he responded that what he really meant was that we should keep in mind that as long as the figures remain classified the war in Laos continues to be a secret CIA war. As far as protection of the information is concerned should the Senator use the figures in a secret session of the Senate on a classified basis, we could all be sure they would become public knowledge shortly after the chamber doors were to open. He told me that this question of the unclassified use of the number of forces involved is relatively not very important because he does not know at this time whether Senator Stennis will make any attempt concerning Section 515. Senator Stennis was successful in the Committee jurisdiction question and may not care to go to that on this item.